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STORY SO FAR



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.

**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.

**BELLE THE TINKERER**

Enthusiastic new-comer.
Clumsy Marionette.

COME ON,
LET'S KEEP THE
TEST CHAMBER
SUPPLIED!

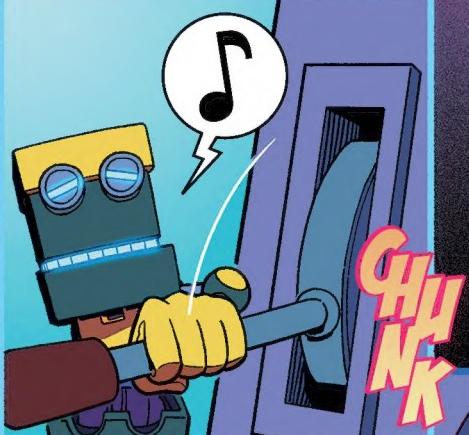
NEW
MONSTROSITIES,
COMIN' RIGHT
UP...

WHADDAYA
THINK IT'LL BE
THIS TIME?

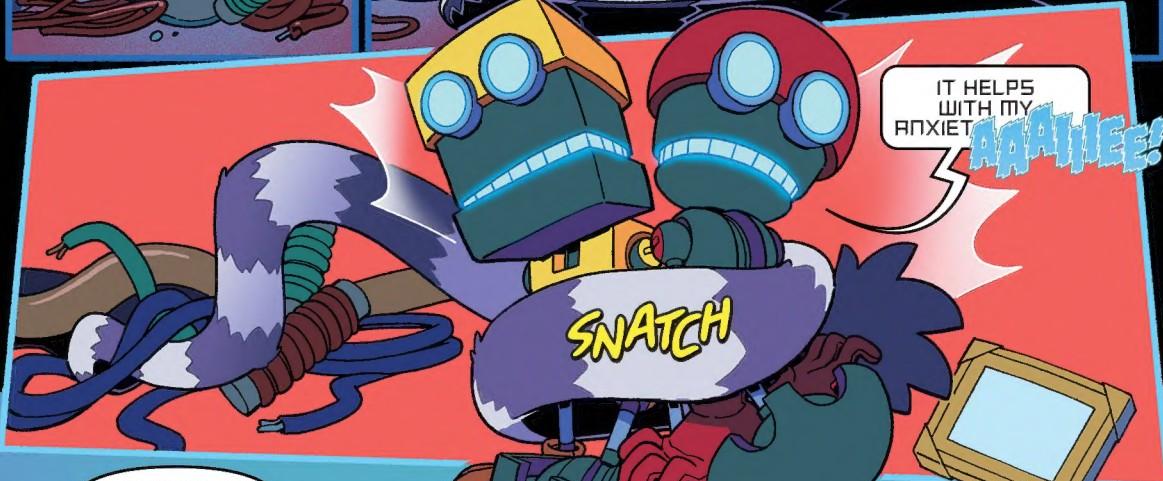
DING

DING

RRRR









CRASH

YOU GOT
THAT THING
CALIBRATED TO
TRACK THE
'BOTS YET,
BUD?

I THINK
SO, YES!

THE BADNIKS'
COMM SIGNALS
ARE EMANATING
FROM... THAT
DIRECTION!

NICE! ALL
ABOARD THE
HEDGEHOG
EXPRESS,
WE'RE GETTIN'
OUT OF
HERE.

THOM



OKAY, FALLING INTO THE VOID IS OFFICIALLY POSTPONED. WHAT NOW?

I-I DON'T KNOW! I'M NOT PICKING UP ANY SORT OF UNUSUAL READINGS.

AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THINGS ARE GONNA FLIP BACK ANYTIME SOON...

...HM.

WHAT?

YOU WANT TO GO WITH IT? WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S DOWN—I MEAN, UP THERE!

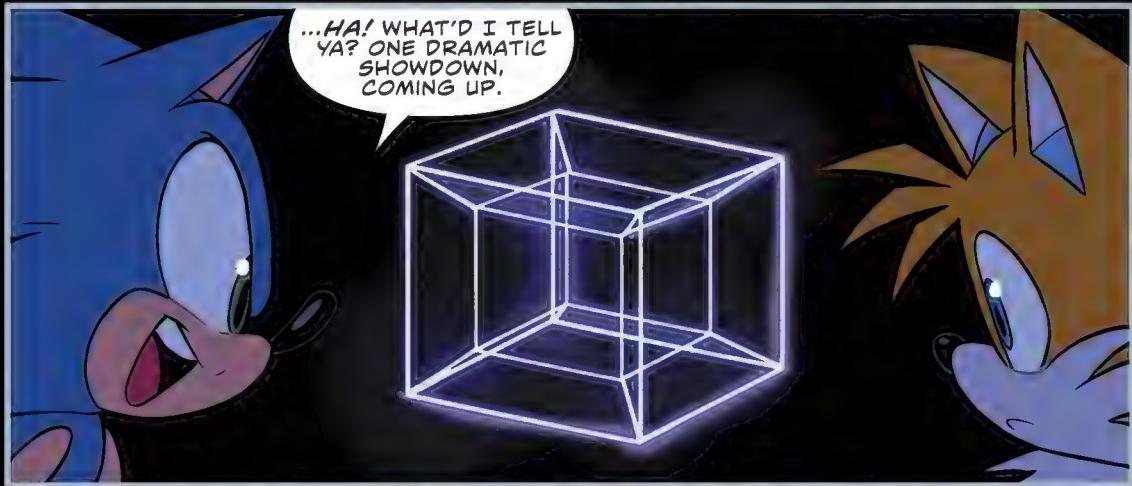
HE SAID HE WANTED TO SHOW US SOMETHING, AND EGGMAN WOULD NEVER THROW AWAY A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF.

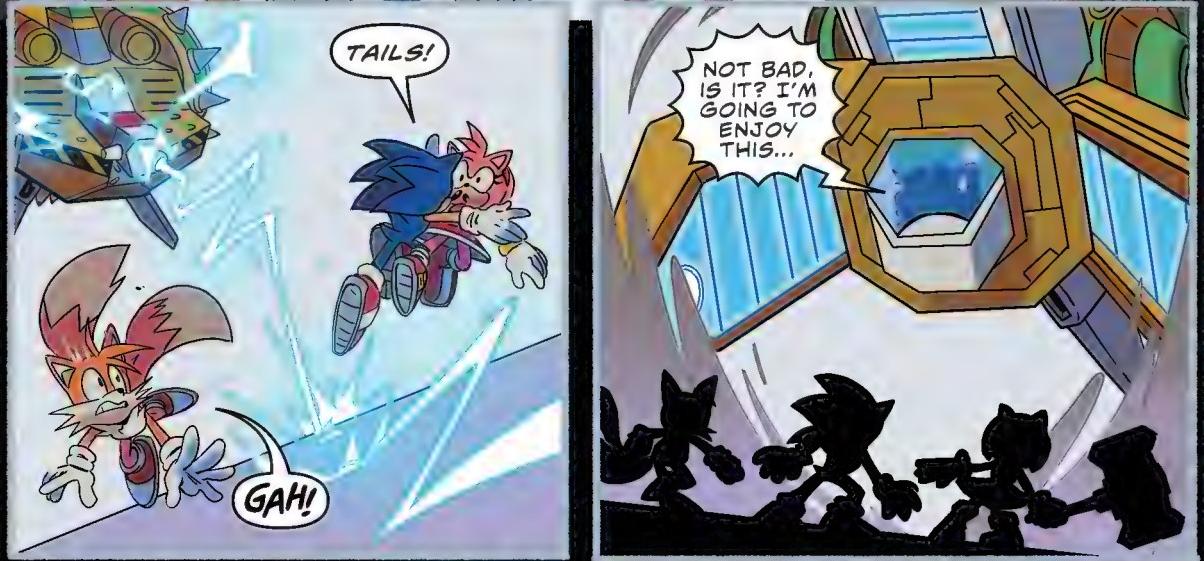
AND HE CAN'T DO THAT IF WE'RE DEAD... IT'S PLAUSIBLE.

A LEAP OF FAITH--HOW ROMANTIC!

I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE--OH, NEVERMIND.

YOU'D BETTER HOLD ME EXTRA-TIGHT, SONIC!





THAT ONE IS
NOT VERY
CUTE.

A
HIGH-VOLTAGE
CHARGE LIKE
THAT IS REALLY
DANGEROUS...

I'VE DEALT
WITH THIS
KINDA 'BOT
BEFORE.

A NEW COAT OF
PAINT AND SOME NEW
BELLS AND WHISTLES
WON'T BE ENOUGH TO
STOP ALL THREE
OF US!

YEAH!

YOU THREE WON'T BE
SO CONFIDENT AFTER
YOU GET A LOAD
OF THIS!

I'VE
GOT THIS
ONE!

PIKO

NICE!
LET'S
FOLLOW
IT UP,
TAILS!



LIFE I
SAID, NO
MATCH FOR
US! MIGHT AS
WELL CALL IT
QUIT NOW,
DOC.

BUT
WE'VE
ONLY JUST
BEGUN!



EHH?!

THAT'S
ONE POINT
FOR YOU...
LET'S SEE HOW
YOU DO IN
ROUND TWO!
GAH HA HA!

BLAM

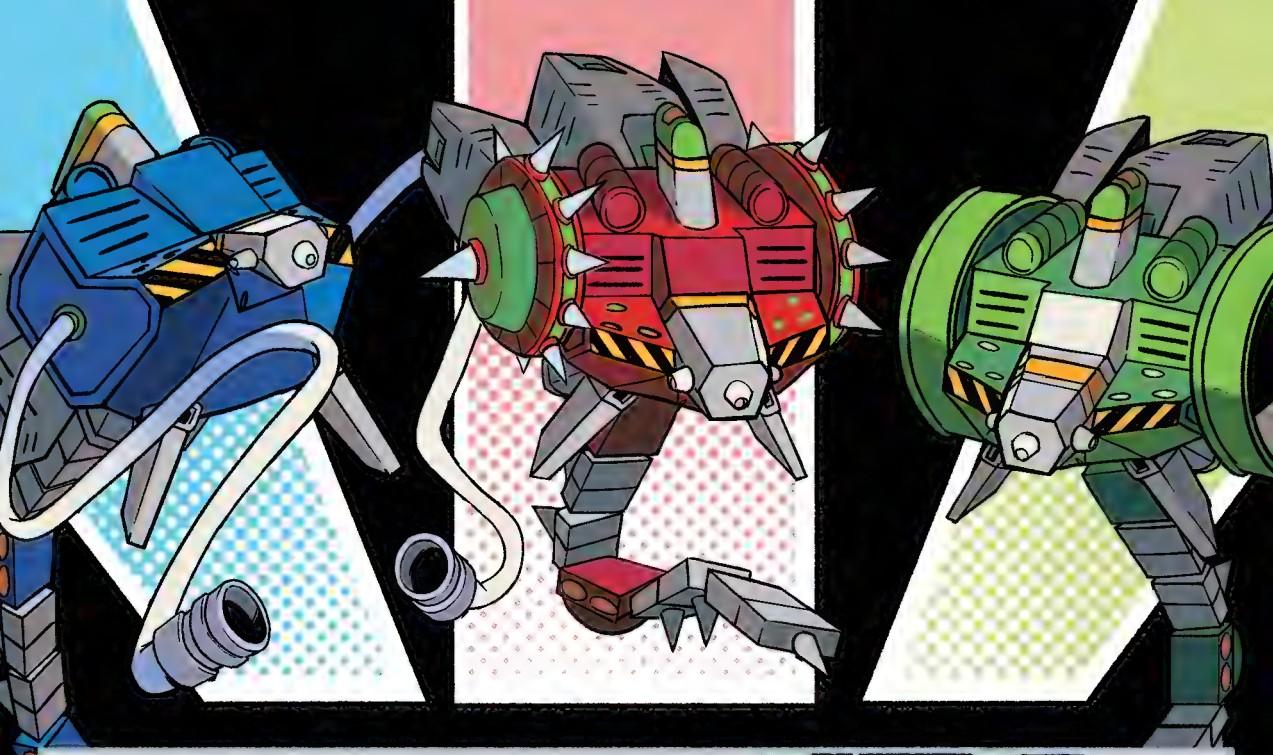


WHAT WAS
THAT ALL
ABOUT?!

I DUNNO, BUT
WHATEVER HE'S
UP TO, I THINK
THAT WAS JUST AN
APPETIZER...

...GET
READY FOR
THE MAIN
COURSE.



















HERE GOES
NOTHING!

NEXT TIME:
THROUGH THE GATE!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Bonjour, Sonic Squad! And bon voyage to Tangle as she travels through to energy gate to save Sonic, Amy, and Tails! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Bracardi Curry, Maria Keane, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for the "Test Run," part three! Now, let's check out your art and letters and get to know a little more about cover artist Nathalie Fourdraine!



Hi, my name is Madeline.

I love the Sonic the Hedgehog comics, they make me laugh so hard like in issue nine when Tangle and Silver were playing cards, and they also surprise me like when Cream went to fight Zeena in issue twenty six.

I shrieked with joy when Sonic showed up in Blaze's dimension because my sister and I had been talking about how cool that would



be, the memory lose thing was just an added bonus.

I absolutely adored the C.R.A.B.B storyline. I loved watching the Chao races and wondering why Rouge was acting strange. I think that Belle is nice. I guess she could be setting everyone up for some betrayal, but I think she is cute.

I have one question though. What will happen to all the Chao that got released in issue thirty six? Did they all go to live with Cream or did the restoration find them all homes?

So far I have adored every issue and eagerly await the next one. I wanted to draw a picture with my favorite character but I couldn't decide on which one to draw! So I decided on four.

Hi, Madeline,

I love your picture, those are some of my favorite characters, too! It's great to hear that you've enjoyed so many moments throughout the comics. Cream fighting Zeena may be one of the best, as it showed how incredibly brave she is. She will do anything for those she loves!

As for the Chao, they are safely with Vanilla and Cream for the time being. Almost like a Chao daycare! I like to imagine that Cream begged her mom to keep all the Chao, but having that many can be a handful, so they found them safe, loving, cage-free forever homes.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, Eggman pulls out every trick in the book for Sonic and co.'s final test!

CREATOR CORNER: NATHALIE FOURDRAYNE

1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I paint the RI cover art for the comics!

2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

I tend to like Rouge, Shadow, Sonic, Knuckles, and Blaze—either very serious, morally driven characters who are learning how to socialize with others, or characters that are extroverted, wild, and free to act as they please. Those are characters that I find exciting to draw and think through their emotions and actions.

3. How do you take your chili dog?

With no chili, unfortunately! I'm more of a basic ketchup-hotdog person. I have recently started to try chili and am neutral to it, though, so maybe one day I'll take the jump and make Sonic proud of me.

4. How did you first discover Sonic?

I think I first really learned about Sonic when I was nine, when I rented *Sonic Adventure 2: Battle!* After that, I played *Mega Collection* and got interested in *Sonic Adventure 1* and *CD* from there, and so on! My FIRST exposure was this really vague memory of having some kind of handheld water game toy that I THINK had *Sonic Adventure 2*'s cover art as a background on it. I must have been six or seven. It's a really vague memory...

5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

I was lucky to be able to make cover art for the first issue, back in 2018!

6. What's a boring fact about yourself?

I'm super obsessed with old 90's computer games (good and bad ones), and have like five terabytes of Mario lore in my brain.

7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Oof, honestly that's a hard one because I've been neglecting my comics reading for a while! Whenever I do catch up with comics, I'd like to catch up on the webcomic *Paranatural* by Zack Morrison. Their writing and art is so fun!



8. What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?

I like to take walks when I can! It's really nice just to go somewhere by myself and zone out, and I should do more of that. I also like to sit and play video games, if I get the chance.

9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

A two-foot long "E & Knuckles" perler bead sign.

10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Either E-133 Omega or Sonic. I believe Omega would make a great conversation partner, and any time spent with Sonic would end up being an unpredictable chaotic adventure. (Even if I don't enjoy chili dogs.)

11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

Probably a cat or an owl? Owls look really cool, and I'd love to look like the old man from the Sonic OVA, but I'm also a cat person and would be inclined to have a cool tail.



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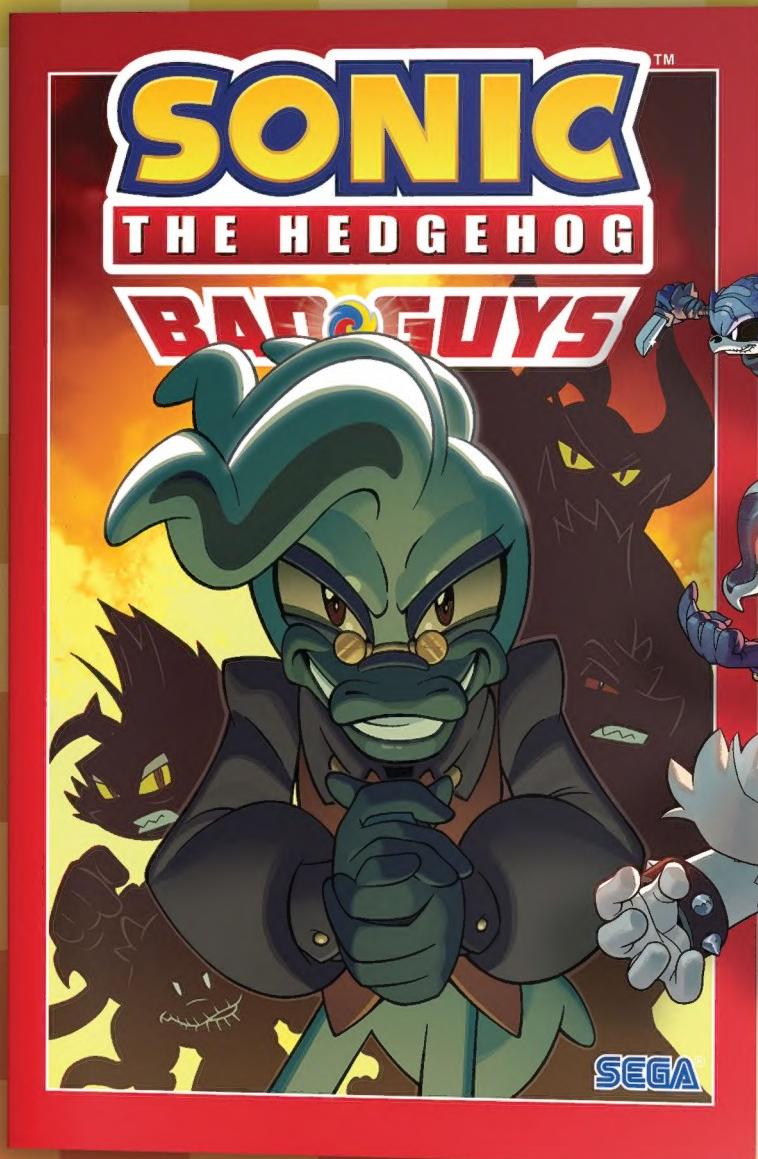


ART GIGI DUTREIX



ART NATHALIE FOURDRAIN

**THEY'RE BAD.
AND THEY'RE BACK!**



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BUT HE'LL HAVE TO RECRUIT SOME FAMILIAR
AND NOT-SO-FRIENDLY FACES TO DO IT!**

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